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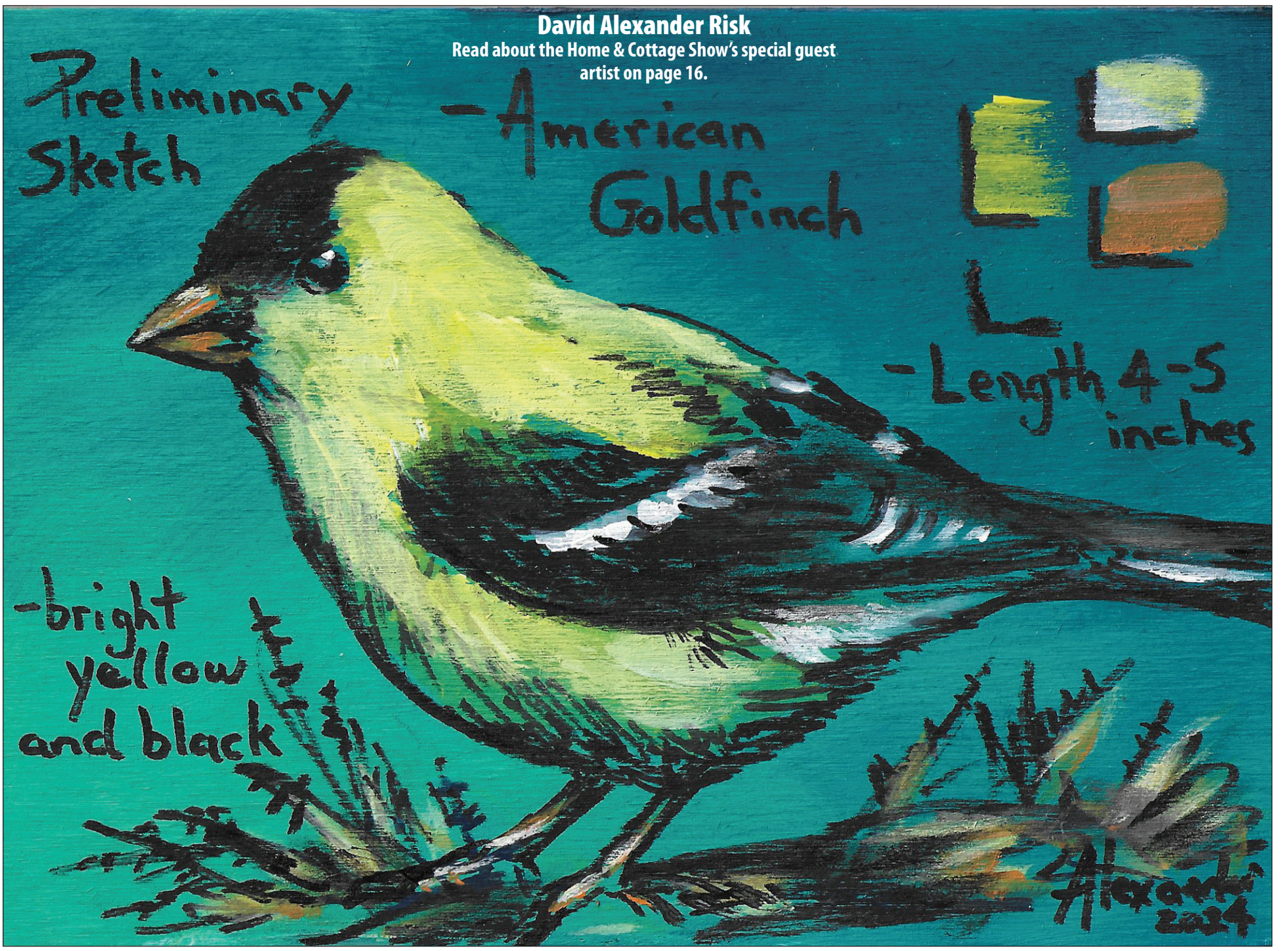

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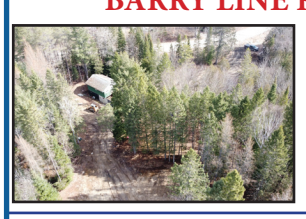

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## *Writing on the Senior Side*

# Summertime fun time

**GAIL STELTER**
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Who were those crazy kids standing on top of the little red car? The boys had guitars, and they were belting out Beatles songs.

It was the summer of 1967. We didn't have any money but we always found fun things to do. Picnics, beaches and drives in the country were us.

One Sunday afternoon we met up with friends. It was our usual practice to walk up and down Yonge Street or go into a restaurant, usually just for a coffee or a Coke but sometimes for burgers and fries. The first Swiss Chalet Peter and I went to was on Yonge Street and this part of Toronto complete with Sam the Record Man, was a comfortable and safe teen domain.

I was already familiar with Yorkville. When I was fourteen or fifteen, we walked to the Humber loop, took the Queen Streetcar to University Avenue and the subway to Bloor. It took about an hour but it was so worth it. Yorkville was the summer place for strolling, sitting in a coffee house listening to folk music, or going into a small club to dance to live music. And, we had to be home by 11 p.m.

It was all pretend. We pretended to be hippies who were old enough to live in this hot spot. We were not the only ones. Yorkville was full of suburban teen pretenders. There were probably more of us than the real hippies. I had my first cigar in Yorkville. A TV commercial said something about offering a lady a Tipperilo cigar and boys in Yorkville did just that. I didn't like cigars, but I liked flirting with the boys, so I accepted. It was always a fun conversation starter.

Peter and I also went to Yorkville for the coffee houses and folk music. Several Canadian singers and musicians made their start in Yorkville's coffee houses. My brother went there too to see Gordon Lightfoot.

This time, however, our Sunday meeting spot with our friends was not Yorkville but Trinity Square, in the parking lot behind the Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity. The empty parking lot meant church was over for the day. Sunny and hot weather matched our sunny and happy spirits. We got on top of the little red car, one or two at a time. It was the ideal stage for our singing "performances". Occasionally people would walk or drive by, and this made us laugh, and we sang louder just for them. We spent the whole afternoon doing this.

It is the summer of 1996. A lot of years have passed, and a wonderful busy life has been lived and loved since it was just the two of us in 1967. Now we are a family of six and kids with boyfriends and girlfriends are becoming the norm. It is our first May 2-4 at our little one-room cottage. The anticipation driving up from the city was palpable. This never left us. Going to the cottage was always exciting. Going home again not so much. It probably rained. It rained most weekends that summer. Yet, the rain was part of the fun. We played Risk and Texas Hold 'em, and we had campfires in the rain. We played guitars and sang our favourite oldies, and the kids taught us all their new music. We became Tragically Hip fans. Cottage life was full of new experiences: a raccoon joining us at the campfire and another climbing the screens on the cabin windows; mice in the cereal box left out overnight on the kitchen table; and, who can forget the night we were startled awake with the noise of tin cans everywhere. Oh, we were smart enough not to leave garbage outside, but we didn't quite think through the garbage bag full of cans. The raccoon had fun that night. Mice and raccoons were free accessories of cottage life.

One weekend, when we hadn't yet arrived, our daughter's boyfriend (now husband) dropped a case of beer and went next door to the neighbours for first aid for his bleeding wounds. We had met all the neighbours the previous fall when we bought the little cottage. One neighbour gave us beautiful maps of our lake. Another gave us a gentle what for having a campfire before dusk and a complete rundown of the last thirty years on our cove. We learned we had to get a campfire permit for every campfire from the MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources). The first aid neighbour had been cottaging there for many years. He was at least 80 years old. Although he was friendly and pleased to have a mature couple next door, he made it clear he liked the quiet. Then we told him we had four kids. Not long after the first aid day, he sold his cottage and moved to Elliot Lake. The other two neighbours also sold out in the first few years of our cottage ownership. Funny thing that. No, really it wasn't us. One cottage belonged to an elderly mother who needed the money for a retirement home. The other saw an opportunity to cash in. (Nothing like today's cashing in).

But let's not forget the most amazing free summertime fun time. We had our lake. My son was basking in the sun and lounging in the water on a floaty. He said, "This is paradise. Why did we wait so long to do this?" I guess he didn't remember the years of rep baseball and our backyard inground pool.

It is the summer of 2024 and while Summertime Funtime on the senior side has its share of things that cost money, the best part of summer is still free and there are lots of great free and low-cost activities in our beautiful Haliburton Highlands.

Once again, summer in the Highlands starts on May

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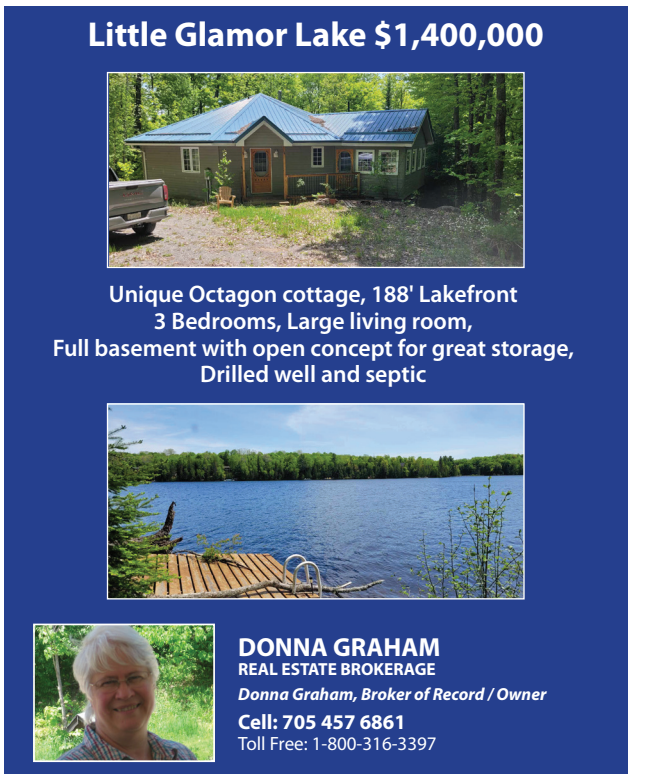
2-4. Oh, we know the first day of summer is June 21, but we are Highlanders, and after those long winter months, we are ready to raise our spirits and fly into summer. The black flies are flying too and soon the mosquitoes will join them. It's all part of the experience. This year the weather was amazing. It was summer in May. We loved the fun times on the boat. I even swam in the lake. Yes, it was cold. It was also wonderful. We had a family dinner outside on the deck and sat around the fire. No doubt, the incredible weather will not last, but hopefully, it will be back soon and, in the meantime, we will give thanks for this start to summertime.

Here's to swims in the lake, campfires, music in the parks, walks or hikes among lush greenery, dining and reading books outside, strolling the paths and river walks. Summer is short and seems to get shorter as we get older. Here's to making the most of the summer 2024 in the Highlands.

## Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA) annual road cleanup

To kick off the summer of celebrations for the 50th Anniversary of MACA, the annual road cleanup was held on Sunday, May 19. Over 30 area folks braved the hot sun and blackflies to clear up all the roads around Long, Wenona, Negaunee and Miskwabi Lakes as well as Kennaway and Trapper's Trail Roads. Two pickup trucks full of recyclables and trash were collected. Afterward everyone enjoyed lunch and celebration cake together. /Submitted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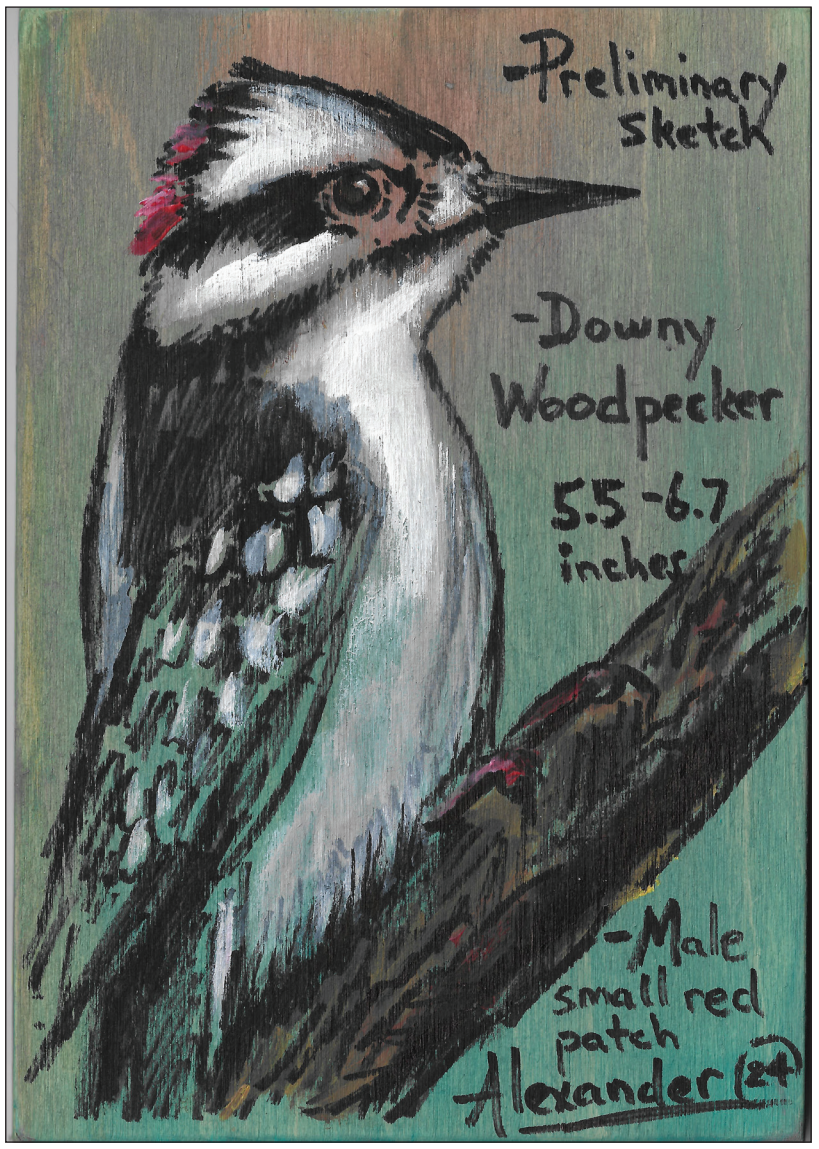


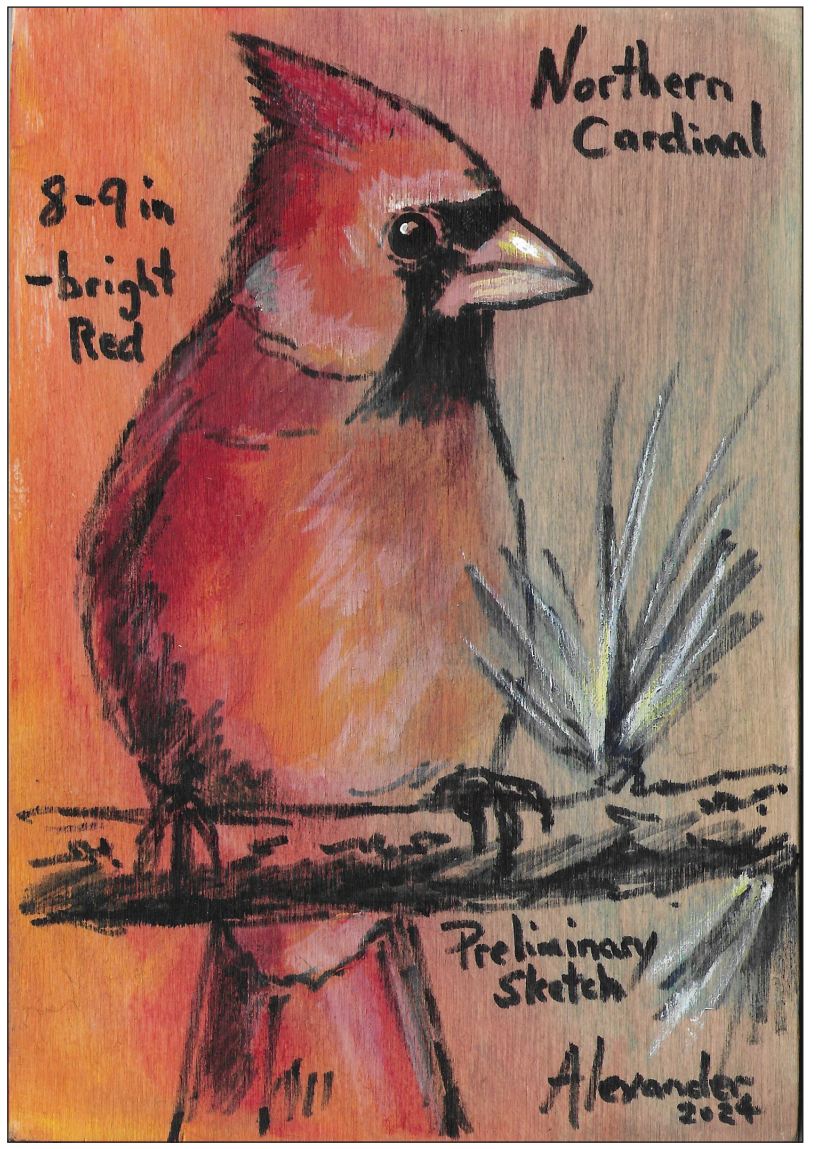

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**DEBORAH J REED**
Special to *County Life*

Every day's an editorial. A short story. A poem, a painting, a dance, a dream, a movie, a test, a garden, a lifetime, a hike, a starry sky, a birthday present!

My lifelong aim after my sweet direct episodes of parenting and teaching was always to simplify. I still prefer to break down complexity into grateful parcels: good health, good home, good people.

Speaking of breaking down, there's also the personal complexity of a tender human heart. Chaff and grain, yin versus yang, the very act of living provides shocking reality checks to keep us hyper alert and humble: as we photograph the finches trusting our feeder, one suddenly hits the window and dies.

When I taught school, my students and I would sit on the floor in a Friday morning circle in natural light on a large rug (courtesy of my sister moving house), and hold what we called Peace Circle. Affective Education was the latest buzzword in 90s curriculum, so most of us began to insinuate character and humanity contexts into our regular lessons, along with the fundamental 3Rs. And besides, both democracy and Ancient Civilizations featured in the Social Studies syllabus. The democratic ideal apparently arose in Athens around the 6th century BCE.

Although the 1954 William Golding novel Lord of the Flies is now banned in schools, it impacted me profoundly as a kid. From it, I borrowed the 'civilized' concept of taking turns (theirs, on a lawless uninhabited island) to pass around a conch shell within a circle and to speak one's own truth. Nobody could interrupt or judge while another is holding the conch. Opposition from the rule-abiding group might result. Elemental concepts of democratic practice. Such was on the Grade 5 curriculum. And I had an old conch shell.

After initiation, Peace Circle was managed thereafter by an elected student. Fridays felt best. Real questions were asked. We got to say how we felt - if we chose to. No desks, rows or overlooked hand up. Just listening, thinking and waiting. Patiently. For a symbolic old conch. And for about an hour, the teacher was also an equal, another citizen, an individual.

We heard amazing things. What it was like before moving to Canada. Least favourite subject. How it felt to be bullied. Thoughts on having to grow up.

I got to share. What frightened me. How September felt every school year. Ketchup or mustard? Had I ever failed a test? (Many.) Who were my heroes?

Zooming forward to today, I remain a fan of honesty, not to mention fairness and equality, or as close to those as we can possibly aim. And I still wide-openly reveal what is and isn't awesome about my own proverbial circle of life, which in my book is preferably peaceable, preferably shared, preferably discussed and examined and managed with what we understand as give-take democracy. And especially as we all try to navigate a fractious political world where media, respect, ideals and practices are constantly sparring.

## Top 10 reasons why squirrels run halfway across the road

WE SEE it countless times every year – squirrels who run halfway across the road and then turn back. I'm fairly certain most of us are curious as to why the sudden change in direction.

**STEVE GALEA**
Humour Columnist

Well, I've done a little speculating and here are the top 10 reasons I've come up with.

1. Forgot wallet.
2. Doesn't want to be known for the same thing as chickens.
3. Really bad at short-term commitments.
4. Horrible at completing simple tasks.
5. Suddenly realizes that there is no place like home.
6. Wants to disprove the phrase, "There's no turning back."
7. Caught a glimpse of the other side and not impressed.
8. Suddenly noticed their map was upside down.
9. Thought better of it. Going to use the crosswalk.
10. Realized that's not a discarded cardboard cutout of friend.

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## Path

Caterpillar, crawling, across concrete, beneath the blaze of noonday Sun,
its black fur grazing weeds, tall as trees, springing from a crack, as it wriggles past,
the tower of my shadow, hovering over it, as I watch it inch its way across this barren terrain,
far from leaves and blades of grass, wondering whether it strayed from its path, on purpose or by accident,
my eyes riveted to the slab of sidewalk, watching the slowness of the caterpillar as it approaches the road,
wondering how many hours or days it's been wriggling its way towards an unknown place,
that maybe it will recognize when it arrives, the blaring of horns muzzling birdsong,
as I peer across the road at the entrance to the trail, leaves fluttering in their trees,
a salve of green for my bleary eyes, that crave the quiet of the trail,
my feet padding across pebbles and grass, instead of treading across concrete,
my eyes darting down towards the ground,
the caterpillar nearing the edge of the sidewalk before it drops down onto the road,
and I wonder how it will navigate the curb, but before I finish wondering,
the furry creature's already slinking its way over the edge, wriggling onto the pavement of road,
where cars whizz past,
not knowing that a caterpillar is about to begin its crossing to reach the sanctuary
of trees and bushes and wildflowers and weeds, sprawling on the other side.
I blink down at the caterpillar, squirming on the side of the road,
crouch down and block its path with my pinky, offering it as a bridge to reach the other side,
but the caterpillar maybe sees it as an obstacle, curling into a ball,
as the boulder of my shadow looms above it,
so I offer it my palm instead, scooping it up and carrying it across the road,
feeling the warmth of its fur wriggling against my skin, squirming to break free,
before I place it down on the edge of the trail, alongside a thatch of tall grasses and cluster of dandelions,
their shaggy heads, grazed by breeze, the swaying trees providing shade for the caterpillar so it can rest,
before it continues on its path, towards becoming what it was meant to be,
maybe passing other stray caterpillars along the way, sunlight veiling the trail,
illuminating the beauty of their journey.

*Sylvie Kalenda*

Congrats to Jordanna Jennings, Addyson Parish, Fallon Thorn, and Erika Hoare for their results at the Kawartha Track and Field meet. /Submitted

# Records fall at Kawartha Track and Field

Red Hawk athletes had an outstanding day at the Kawartha Track and Field meet, setting two new Kawartha records, four new school records and many Personal Bests.

Novice Girl Addyson Parish established a new Kawartha Triple Jump record with a jump of 10.49m, far surpassing the previous record of 10.03m set by Kathryn Ward of Fenelon Falls in 2006. Parish also took home the title in the 80m Hurdles, with a time of 13.66 and the Novice Girls Long Jump, with a best jump of 4.68m, just three centimeters shy of the Kawartha record.

Novice teammate Fynn Gooley also shone in the pits, taking home first-place ribbons in Boys Long Jump and Triple Jump. Gooley won the meet with a best jump of 5.81m, also just 5cm shy of the meet record and setting a new HHSS school record, bettering the mark of 5.77m set by Evan Backus at COSSA last year. Gooley already broke the school record for Novice Boys Triple Jump at the Bay of Quinte Invitational the previous week, setting the new standard of 11.60m, up from 11.49m set by Connor Baird in 2011. Gooley also went on to place second in the 100m, running a fast final in 12.19.

The Hawks success in the pits continued with Junior Girl Jordanna Jennings. Jennings unleashed a big leap to also break the Kawartha record with a huge jump of 4.97m. The previous mark was 4.88m set in 2015 by Erin Armstrong also from Fenelon Falls. This was also a new school record for Jennings, breaking the long-standing record of 4.84m set by Anna Tomlinson in 1993. Jennings also placed second in Junior Girls Triple Jump and sixth in the Discus.

Senior Girl Erika Hoare continued the record-breaking streak, bettering her own HHSS 2000m Steeplechase record with a time of 8:04.94 to place third in this event. Hoare also set a new school record in the Senior Girls 3000m with a time of 11:55.16. The previous record of 11:59 was set by Stephanie Ratz in 2000. Hoare finished sixth in the highly competitive field in this event and ran seventh in the 400m Hurdles.

Kawartha champion titles were also earned by Brechin Johnston in the Junior Boys 1500m; Atticus Jorritsma in Novice Boys Discus; Hudson Horsley in Novice Boys Javelin; Graham Backus in Junior Boys Triple Jump and the Junior Boys 4x100m relay team of Graham and Evan Backus, Ben McMahon and Fynn Gooley.

Graham Backus rounded out his ribbon collection with two second-place finishes in the Junior Boys 100m and 300m hurdles; Evan Backus was second in 100m and third in both the 300m Hurdles and Long Jump. Jorritsma also added a second in Novice Boys Discus and fourth in Triple Jump to his tally.

Other top three finishes from Violet Humphries in Junior Girls 200m; Cheyenne Degeer in Senior Girls 200m; Haiden Bird in Senior Boys 800m; Deagan Davison in Novice Boys 300m Hurdles; Paige Hough in Senior Girls Discus; Ben McMahon in Junior Boys Shot Put and Brechin Johnston in Junior Boys 800m and the Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay team of Hoare, Hough, Degeer and Lily Manning.

Hoare, Degeer and Manning teamed up with Novice Girl Jordyn Hurd to also run to third-place finish in the Open Girls 4x400m, with a strong combined time of 4:31.

The coaches commend all the athletes on their excellence and mental and physical perseverance in the face of challenges. They would like to recognize Grace Allder, who stepped in on very short notice to run a strong leg on the Junior Girls 4x100m team; and Fallon Thorn for the amazing support of her teammates on the infield during very hot conditions!

The Red Hawks overall qualified 30 athletes and six relay teams for COSSA next week, which returns to the track at Thomas A. Stewart in Peterborough.

*Submitted by Karen Gervais*

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# Voodoo Pawn Shop brings hype for comp

**THOMAS SMITH**
*County Life* Staff

On May 10, Voodoo Pawn Shop performed for students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Voodoo Pawn Shop is a blues band based out of Uxbridge, Ontario. The concert was organized by the Highlands Buckside Blues Society for students to gain an interest in blues music and to gain momentum for Patrick Monaghan Youth Award contest on June 4.

The Patrick Monaghan Youth Award is named in honour of the late Patrick Monaghan. Patrick Monaghan passed away last year after a warrior's battle with cancer. Monaghan bastioned the love of blues music through the Buckside Blues Cruise Show broadcasted from Canoe FM.

Some lucky students will be given the opportunity to attend the Blues Camp with the Grand River Blues Society in Waterloo.

"Music as a whole is important," says Paul Murray, drummer of Voodoo Pawn Shop and friend of Monaghan. Whether it be blues, rock, whatever, music is a form of communication you'll never get sick of, says Murray.

The Highlands Buckside Blues Society was formed

Voodoo Pawn Shop band members Randy Cracknell, Wolf Endlicher, Ted Wright, and Paul Murray pose in front of the Highlands Blues Society's banner /Submitted

to develop local, community based interests in blues music. Through performances and jam sessions such as the one at HHSS, the society strives to keep the love of blues alive in the Haliburton highlands.

"We are a blues society, our goal is to promote blues music," says Mark Riemenschneider, member of the Highlands Buckside Blues Society. "The way to do that is through young people. We focus on young people to try and educate, promote, and inspire. We strive to inspire young musicians."

"I listen to so many blues bands and there is so much more than just the same old artists. They are amazing and they are out there." Riemenschneider is confident that the next generation of blues musicians can be found at HHSS. Hopefully, concerts such as Voodoo Pawn Shop will inspire a young person to take up the guitar, or form an interest in blues music. The blues competition and talent show would allow opportunities for students to attend a music camp and learn everything they need to know to succeed as a blues musician. Students, aged 11 to 18 are encouraged to compete in the competition

Blues music originates in the Black community in the United States and at one point was fading from popularity until young British musicians added to the genre, says Riemenschneider. The Highlands Buckside Blues Society hopes to preserve the love of blues music despite industry dominating figures like Taylor Swift.

The Highlands Blues Society is looking forward to putting on their Blues Festival August 23 and 24 this year at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

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# Home and Cottage Show welcomes 27 new vendors

**VIVIAN COLLINGS**
*County Life* Editor

The tradition lives on; the longest-running home show in Ontario will be back for its 45th year.

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show will feature 130 vendors with 27 new ones added to the list.

"The show is certainly gaining in popularity, and the reason we know that is we have a waiting list for vendors. We've been sold out since March 31, so the support has been great, both from local vendors," said Andy Glecoff, Haliburton Home and Cottage Show co-manager.

The show runs from Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2 at the AJ LaRue Arena and Haliburton Curling Club.

For the first time, the show will offer a shuttle service using Haliburton Bus Lines to bring attendees from the parking lot at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team building and from downtown Haliburton at the Welcome Centre.

"The shuttle will run every 15 minutes, so no one's going to have to wait long," Glecoff said. "Parking has always been an obstacle, especially with so many people coming out every year. We're excited to offer this service."

The shuttle service will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Also new this year is a lineup of speakers presenting

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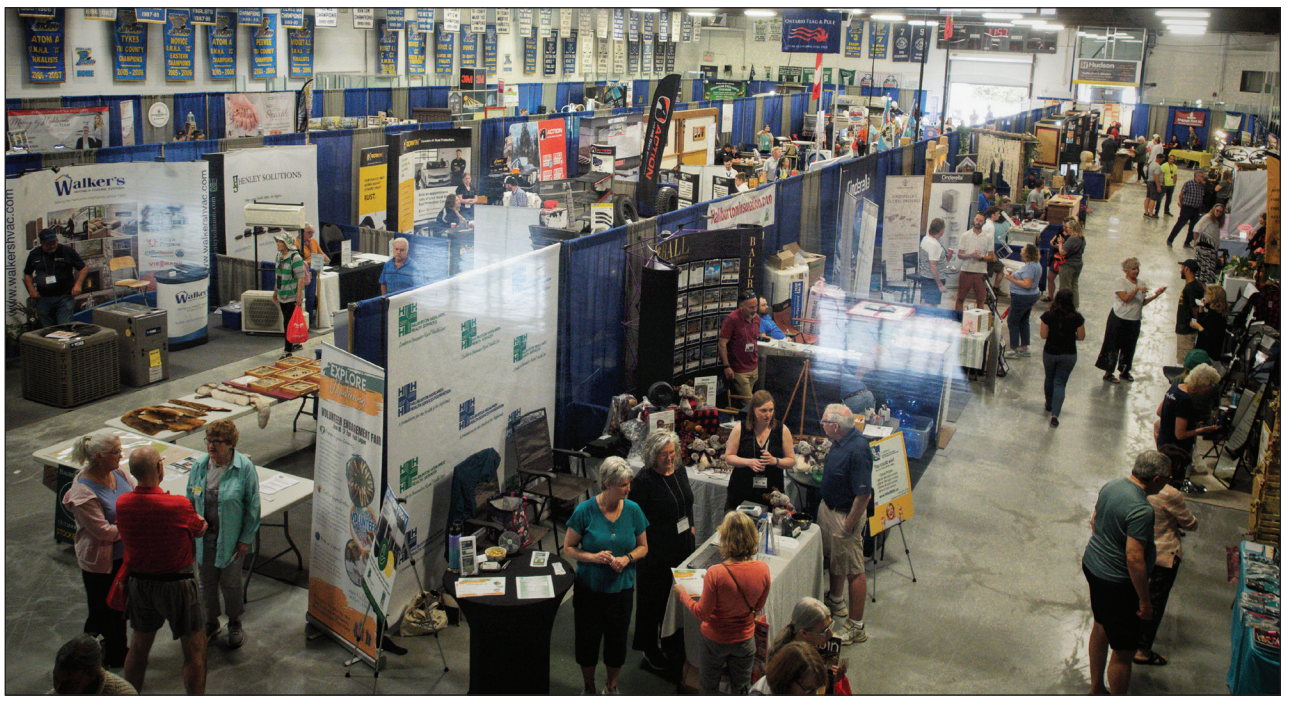

The Home Show welcomed visitors from all over the county in 2023, who explored over 20,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor displays at the AJ LaRue Arena and the Haliburton Curling Club. The Home and Cottage Show is sponsored and organized by members of the Haliburton Curling Club. /FILE

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> — Andy Glecoff, show manager

in the lounge of the Curling Club.

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Monika Melichar from Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary will speak followed by local real estate broker Brandon Nimigon.

On Saturday and Sunday, presentations will also be given by an OPP safety officer about cottage and water safety, and Paul MacInnes from the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners and Haliburton County Master Gardeners will speak about shoreline and lake health.

"We also have a celebrity attending; David Alexander Risk. He has three booths where he will be displaying his paintings, and he's going to be painting at the show," Glecoff said. "He's going to give us an original painting as the first draw prize in our raffle which is so exciting."

The painting will be on display in the Club Room of the Curling Club. A two night stay at Buttermilk Falls Resort and a Grey Owl paddle and $100 gift card to Algonquin Outfitters are also available to win.

Run by 150 Curling Club volunteers, the show is completely not-for-profit and helps support the curling club's community programs.

"The proceeds from the whole show support community curling. We have curling programs for public-school aged children to seniors, so it's a strong program that starts in grade school," Glecoff said.

"We've had great success. Jacob Dobson won the CCAA national college curling championship with his team for the second year in a row. He's ranked in the top 100 in the world."

Another curler that went through the local program was Owen Nicholls who curled with Team Ontario in the Canada Winter Games for the past two years.

"Liam Little has also had great success and received silver in the national college curling championship with his team," Glecoff said.

Ticket prices are $3 per day, and children under 12 attend for free.

A free Doggy Day Care will be available once again for four-legged friends to be taken care of while you tour the show.

Visit www.haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com to learn more.

"With so many new additions this year, it promises to be a great show you won't want to miss," Glecoff said.

Deep Roots Adventure owner and operator Corina Mansfield with daughter Pearl offer a sample to an event goer at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show during a past Home and Cottage Show at the A.J. LaRue Arena and the Haliburton Curling Club. /FILE

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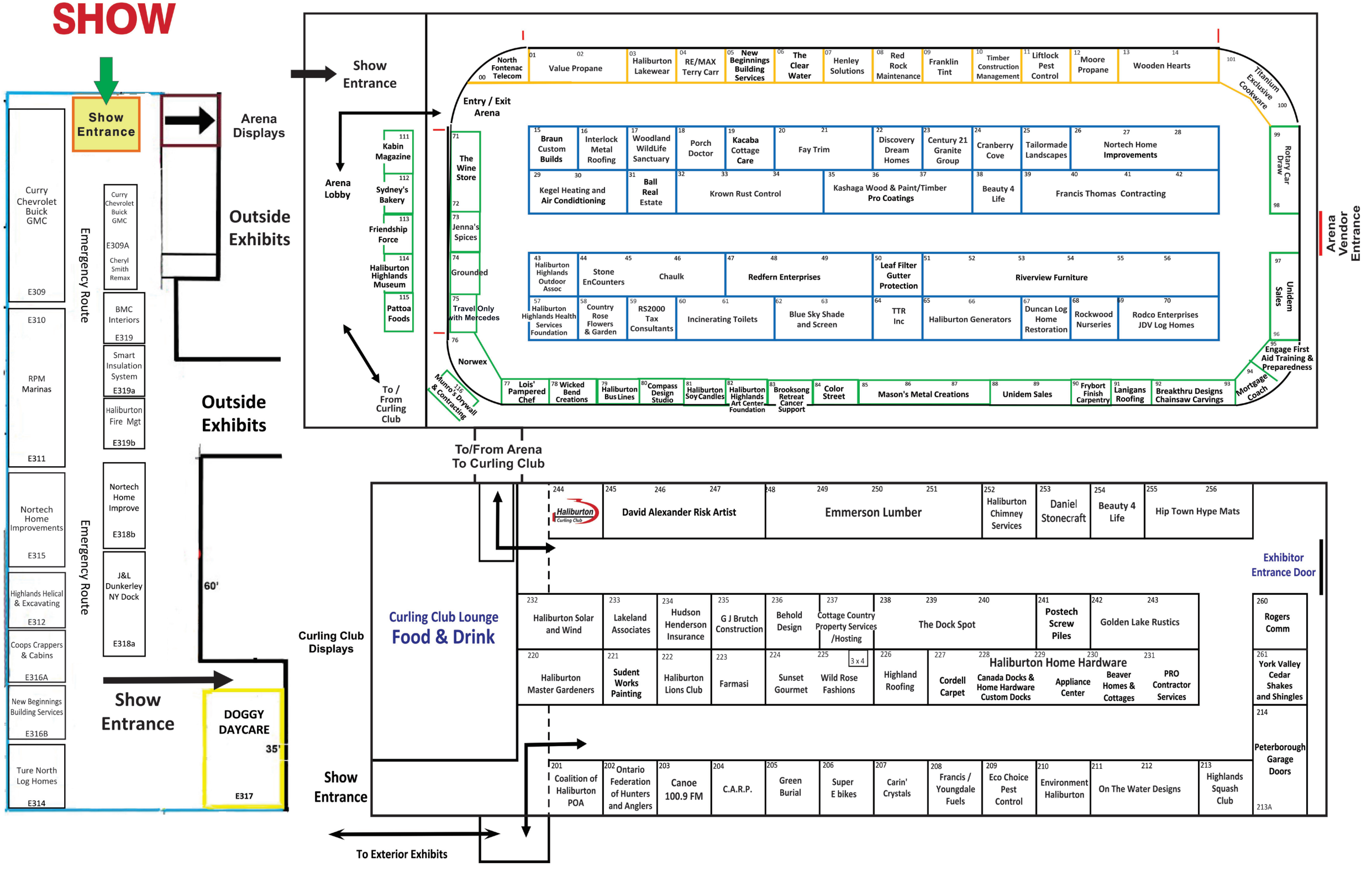


# Featrured Artist - David Alexander Risk

**VIVIAN COLLINGS**
*County Life* Editor

"When you have a gift, its purpose is to be given back to others," said David Alexander Risk when asked about his career of art-making and generosity.

The world-renowned Canadian artist has secured countless impressive accomplishments over the span of his career, including presenting his pieces to former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and American entertainer Bob Hope.

One was even presented to the Royal Family and now hangs in Buckingham Palace.

But, his greatest accomplishment, he said, is being a steward of the natural world and inspiring young artists to do the same.

## Born to be wild

From the very beginning, Risk said he was born with a love of nature and the desire to have a paint brush in hand.

"My mom and dad always joked that when I was in my crib as a toddler, I ended up getting my hands on some crayons and started doodling on the wall," he laughed. "They told me that I got this technique where I bounced and was able to move the crib, and I eventually drew on the whole wall. They kept that on the wall for like 17 years."

Risk said he didn't thrive in the classroom setting because he was constantly captivated by nature.

"I was always looking out the window, running to the creek at the back of the school and catching chub."

He'd fashion a fishing rod out of shoelaces, sticks, and safety pins to catch fish.

"I was always in the detention room," he chuckled.

Nature and art was always his escape.

"I'd come back into the school with frogs, bird nests, snakes in my pockets. I don't know how many times my parents were called to the school," Risk said. "I always passed my classes, but I always wanted to be out in the bush."

It was a similar story back at home.

"Mom and dad used to say I would disappear at the back of our farm where there were red tailed hawk nests. I'd climb the trees, made a tree platform, and would just sit there and watch and sketch them."

He also found a coyote den, and spent many hours observing the comings and goings of the den.

The coyote pups were left without parents, so he ended up bringing one home and raised it.

"My bedroom was always filled with aquariums, and I would sketch everything in them."

Risk came by his creativity honestly thanks to his parents.

"Dad was a great musician. He played almost every instrument from the grand piano, to harmonicas during the Second World War for the troops."

His mother sailed to Canada from England on the RMS Queen Mary at age 17.

"She used to do window dressing at fashion stores in London. She had an artistic flair because she loved doing that."

When she got to Canada, she did that for the iconic downtown Toronto Eaton's store.

One of his public school teachers supported the arts, too, and encouraged him to pursue them.

"She noticed that I loved to sit there and doodle. She gave me a 20 foot section of the wall in the classroom, and by the end of the year, it was covered with artwork."

Risk grew up in Markham, but his family owned three farms further north.

After receiving top marks in all art classes, he graduated high school and traveled to England and across Canada.

"I then ended up back home. My sister brought home one of her beautiful friends one day. She became my lovely wife."

Sharon and David Alexander moved up to Lochlin, a small hamlet in the Highlands, and never looked back.

They now own a farm in Highlands East, and raised their three now-grown children in the Highlands.

"Without the support of my wife Sharon, and without the support of my mom believing in us, I wouldn't be where I am," Risk said.

Risk said he raised show pigeons as a kid.

"We now raise Jacobins and Norwich Croppers, and I have over 100 racing pigeons."

They also keep white doves, a symbol of peace and an ode to his father who served in the Second World War and his grandfather who was a veteran of both the First and Second World Wars.

Risk will be painting a portrait of one of his doves, Boss, at the Home and Cottage Show.

## A career of generosity

David Alexander and Sharon opened many of their own galleries over the years.

"We entered lots of art shows, and came home with best of show prizes for a number of them," Risk said.

Quickly discovering his techniques could be shared with others, he began to teach art classes.

"One door after another just kept opening for us."

He's held a gallery space in both Algonquin Park and the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre in the past, teaching generations of children how to paint by seeing.

"We put on free art classes for kids. Kids are the next generation, so we always want to encourage kids to appreciate nature and be creative."

He donated prints of his famous painting of a pair of loons, Miracle in the Making, to PolioPlus and the Toronto Don Valley Rotary Club in an effort to raise funds to immunize 3,000,000 children against polio.

The painting itself was presented to Queen Elizabeth when she traveled to Canada for the 1988 Winter Olympics, and the high-realism watercolour still hangs in Buckingham Palace.

This would be just one of many generous donations of his work for not-for-profit organizations.

"I've always seen art as a vehicle to raise funds for worthy causes. We've donated to places like Ducks Unlimited, nature organizations, Sick Kids Hospitals, the PolioPlus program, and children's camps."

He credited the printers of his work, as well.

"They're working on expensive presses with expensive paper and inks. They've always been eager to donate their time and resources. They're artists in themselves," Risk said.

The nature lover continues to get outside everyday, and creates art in five different styles under five brush names.

"They go from photo-realism, to abstracts. Whenever I found a style I liked, I would sit down, practice, and go from there."

## Home and Cottage Show

For the first time in 18 years, Risk will be at this year's Haliburton Home and Cottage Show.

"We always try to come up with different themes for all shows."

With a 30 foot booth, the far end will showcase his collection of vintage canoes.

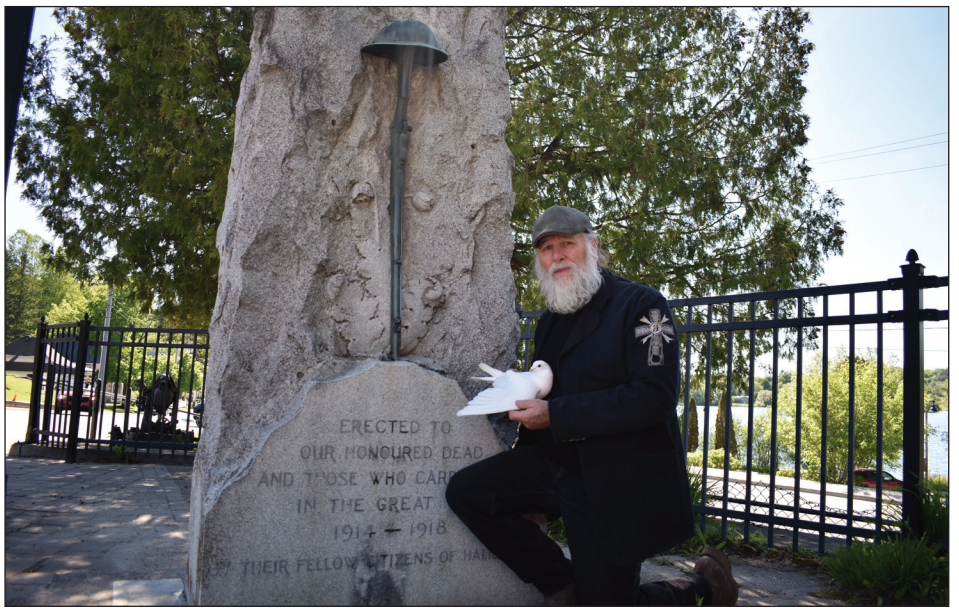
"Then there will be a lot of the natural world paintings, so studies of birds and other animals. Then I'll have my plein air paintings on display, and then some Fauve art."

Risk has been tirelessly working day into night preparing.

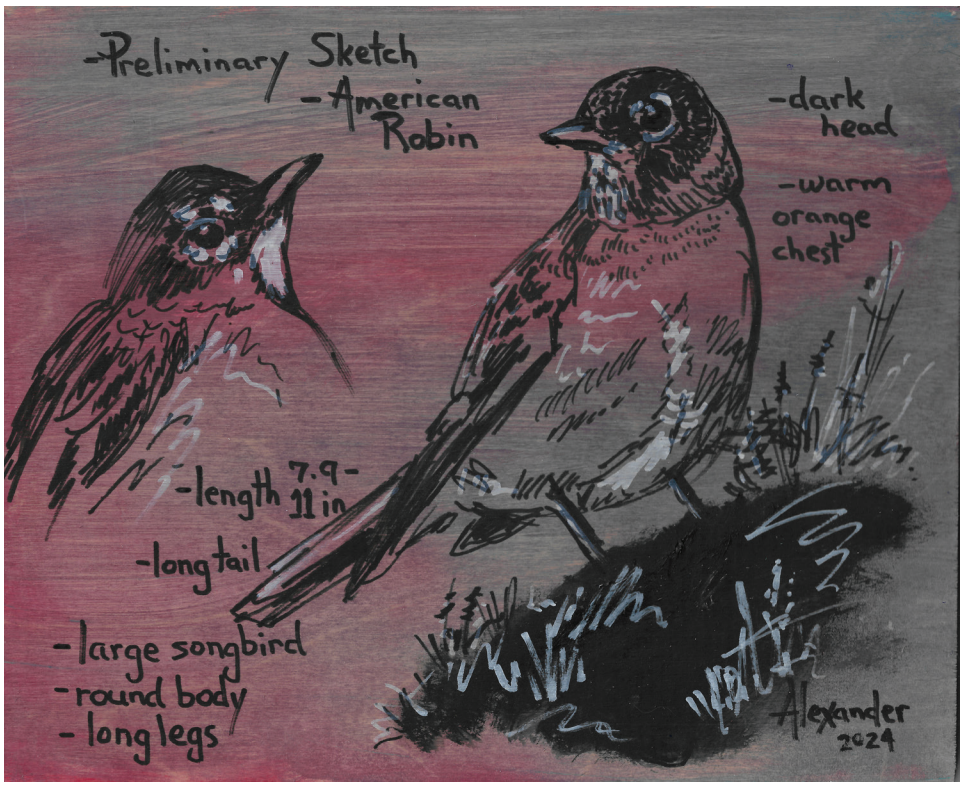
"I'll be painting a very special painting while I'm there, so you'll want to come check it out," he said.

The Home and Cottage Show runs from Friday, May 31 to Sunday, June 2.

"We always wanted to give back skills and artwork to enrich the community," Risk said. "I always believe that everything you give always comes back, tenfold."



Left, David Alexander Risk holds one of his white doves in front of the Haliburton Cenotaph. Both his father and grandfather served in the Second World War, with his grandfather also being a First World War veteran.
Right, Risk creates one of his Nature;s Sketchbook drawings for *County Life*. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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When: June 24, 7 p.m.
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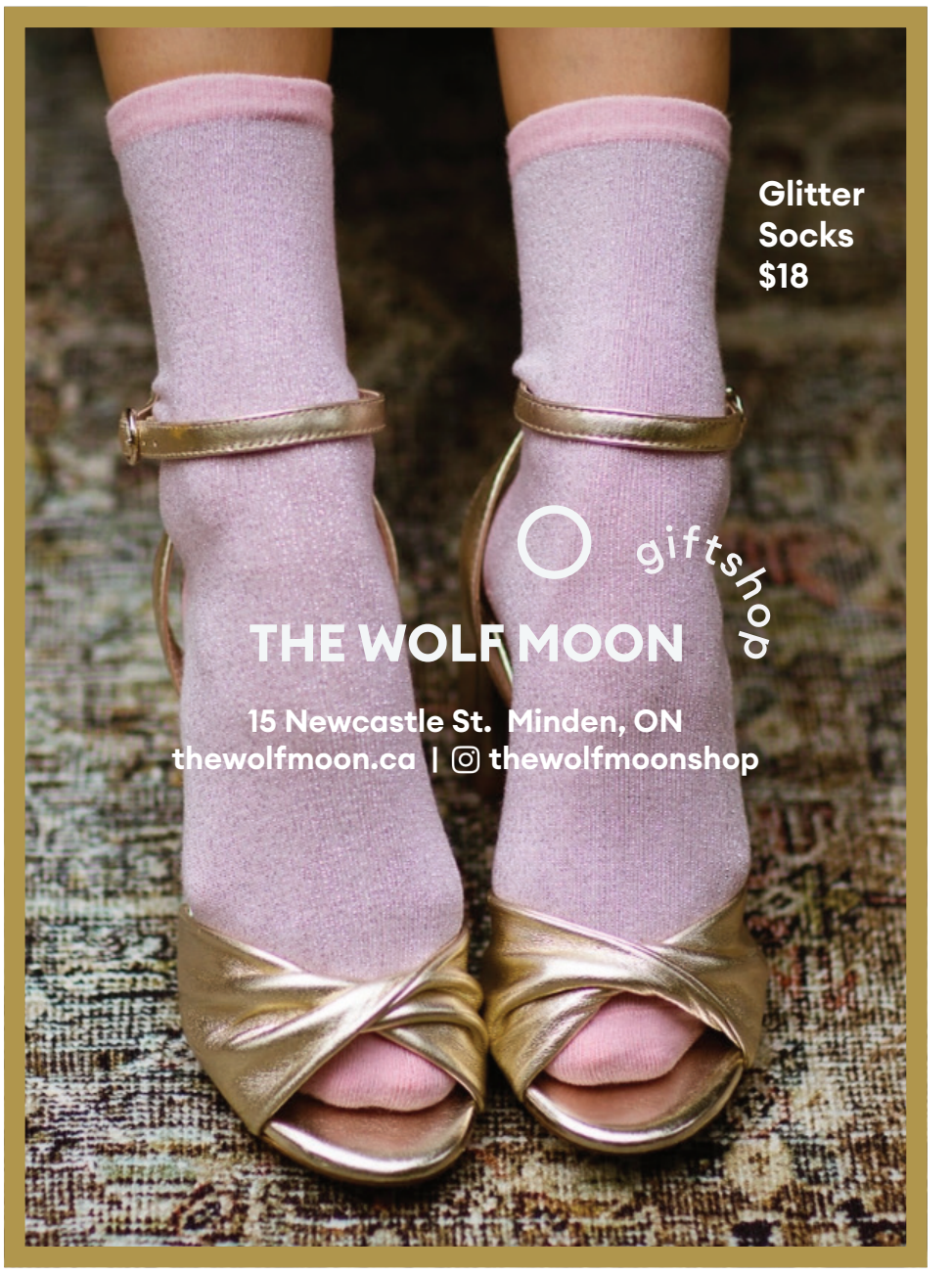

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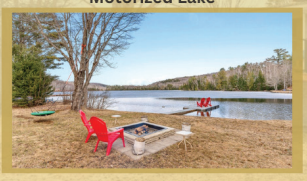

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A turkey vulture rests in a tree. /Submitted by Ray Kidon

A bunch of Great white trilliums. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

Wind ruffles the feathers of a Blue jay. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

## Legion Events

### Branch 129 Haliburton

**Mondays:** Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.

**Tuesdays:** League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)

**Wednesdays**: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information

**Thursdays**: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**Fridays:** Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.

Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.

**Saturdays:** 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.

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Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

### Branch 636 Minden

**Lunch - Monday to Friday**

**Monday:** Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.

**Thursday:** Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.

**Every other Friday:** Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.

**Friday** Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.

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May 26 - Fire Department

**Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.**

### Branch 624 Wilberforce

**May 30** - Open 2 to 6 p.m.

**May 31** - Open 2 to 9 p.m. Fish/Chips 5 to 8 p.m.

**June 1** – Open 2 to 6 p.m. – No House League Darts until Sept - Meat Draw 3 p.m.

**June 2 to 4** - Closed

**June 4** - Executive Meeting 7 p.m.

**June 5** – Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts 2 p.m.

**Upcoming Event:** Rick Rowe Memorial Horseshoe Tournament June 8. Registration 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Start 11 a.m. $20/player. Music on the deck by ½ Tuned, Food for purchase. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. If you are planning an event, Ladies Auxiliary would be pleased to cater. Call the branch at 705-448-2221 to arrange your event.

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**June 8th 2024**

**160th ANNIVERSARY**

**Minden Fairgrounds**

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## SCHEDULE OF Events

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| 9 am: | • Fairgrounds open |
| | • Vendors, artisans, demonstrations |
| 10 am - 2 pm: | • Re/Max Balloon Rides Weather Permitting |
| 10 am: | • Corn Hole tournament |
| 10:15 am: | • Opening ceremonies with dignitaries and fair board executives |
| 10 am - 4 pm: | • Animal reader, Lacey Piper |
| | • Red Wing Farms Cattle Display |
| | • Cattle Demo Show |
| | • Beer Tent Opens - (Boshkung Brewery) |
| All Day: | • Classic & Antique Car Show |
| | • Kids Pony Rides (Little Stirrups Equine) |
| | • Curling Club: exhibits, demonstrations, woodworking and much more. |
| 2:30 pm: | • Auction |
| 3:30 pm: | • Horse pull |

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### LIVE MUSIC

**1 pm: Country Music**

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~ Natural Resources & Smokey The Bear
~ Crafts/Quilt Displays
~ Paint a Bus
~ Fur Harvesters
~ Haliburton County Fair 50/50 Draw (Only 2400 tickets sold)
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## Kids & Youth EVENTS

~ Bouncy Castles
~ Pockets the Clown (with face painting)
~ Dalrymple Rabbitry/Parrot
~ Natural Resources & Smokey the Bear
~ Top Shot Hockey
~ Little Stirrups Equine Pony Rides
~ Turtle Guardians
~ Farmers Association Farm Animals
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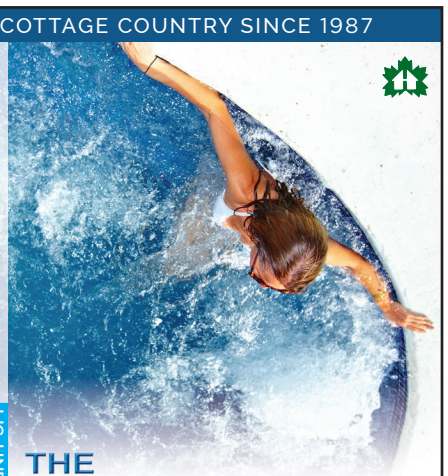

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# Lutterworth taxes up just 4.4 per cent

Despite a large commitment to a new fire department reserve fund, Lutterworth Township Council has managed to limit the municipal portion of this year's tax hike to 3.5 per cent.

At last Tuesday's meeting, council approved its 1988 budget. When combined with the education and county levies, the overall residential tax increase amounts to only 4.4 per cent.

One of the key items in this year's budget is the *establishment of a reserve fund* for setting up a future fire department in the municipality. By closing out a few other reserve funds, council was able to transfer a total of $17,800 into the fire department fund. In addition, council passed a resolution which states that any surplus funds at the end of 1988 will be transferred into that fund.

The need to establish a fire department in Lutterworth Township was underscored recently when Anson, Hindon and Minden Townships decided to cancel its fire coverage agreement at the end of this year. Presently, the Minden Fire Department covers a small area of Lutterworth Township.

## Reserve set up for fire department

Lutterworth also purchases fire protection from two other neighbouring municipalities.

Earlier at last Tuesday's meeting, council was asked to respond to some concerns from resident John Ellis in regard to the question of fire protection. He said he is worried that either municipal taxes will skyrocket to finance a fire department, or fire insurance rates will increase because there will be no protection.

Reeve Bill Valentine responded that the Fire Marshall's Office has been encouraging the township to set up its own fire department for the past 10 to 15 years. He said council is not yet sure what the costs will be to the municipality, or whether it will actually be needed in the end.

**(more on page 3)**

## Tashlin wins bronze medal at All-Ontario meet

Three athletes from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School have returned from the All-Ontario track and field competition with a sixth place finish or better. The competition was held this past weekend in Toronto and followed a number of local and regional meets to determine the top high school athletes in the province. HHSS was represented by six students, who competed in five events.

Among the top finishers were Leslie Tashlin who placed third in the senior girls 100 metre hurdles. Last year, in the same event, Leslie placed second. Her time this year was 15.2 seconds.

Ron Perrin captured a fourth place finish in the senior boys javelin throw. His distance was 53.22 metres.

Placing sixth in the junior boys discus was Marty Andrews. He gained the sixth place position with a toss of 40 metres.

High school track coaches said they were pleased with the performances of the competitors this year.

## Ride returns this weekend

The annual Ride For Sight, the fund raising effort by motorcyclists from throughout Ontario for the eye disease Retinitis Pigmentosa, returns to Minden this weekend. A record number of participants is expected to attend this year and once again, the OPP Golden Helmets will lead the main group out of Toronto.

For a complete report on the Ride and a schedule for the weekend, see the latest edition of **This Week in the Highlands** included with today's newspaper.

**Grace Coburn was honoured last week by the Hyland Crest Auxiliary with a special party to thank her for "20 years of caring". Grace was the Auxiliary president when the organization was formed and has continued to be active with the Auxiliary to this day. As part of the celebration at the home last week, many of the original executive members were in attendance.**

# Caterpillars at most destructive stage

On a calm, clear day in Haliburton County, the sound of a light rain beating against the forest floor can be heard. It's not rain, though. What is falling to the ground is the droppings of millions of tiny caterpillars as they chew their way through the leaves on a wide variety of host trees.

The chance of a late spring frost killing large numbers of the Forest Tent Caterpillars that have invaded the county has passed. The caterpillars are gradually approaching their full size of about two inches and in another week or two, will be spinning cocoons in the base of uneaten leaves.

In the meantime though, they are at their most destructive stage and have begun migrating en masse to new feeding grounds. Having eaten all the leaves off their original host trees, the caterpillars are moving to greener pastures. They travel in such great numbers that, in some areas, they completely cover the roadways they cross. The Ontario Provincial Police have gone so far as to issue a warning that driving conditions may become slippery in areas.

In spite of what may appear to be serious damage to the trees, the Ministry of Natural Resources says the defoliation is only temporary. Gary Clements a private lands extension technician with the ministry says the caterpillars are more of a nuisance than a serious threat to the trees.

Only those trees that are already experiencing some form of stress will be killed, he said. Most trees are capable of sprouting a new growth of leaves. However, the energy required to refoliate could be too much for older or diseased trees.

Sugar maple and oak trees are this insect's favourite and are normally the first to be stripped. However, now that the caterpillars are migrating, they will be consuming leaves from other hardwood trees such as aspen, poplar, ash and birch.

The forest tent caterpillar is native to Ontario's forests and these infestations happen somewhere in Ontario every ten years, on the average. Pop-

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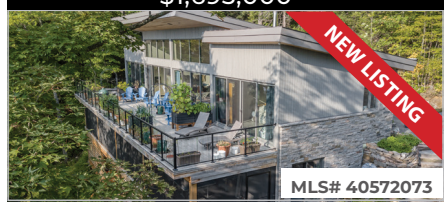


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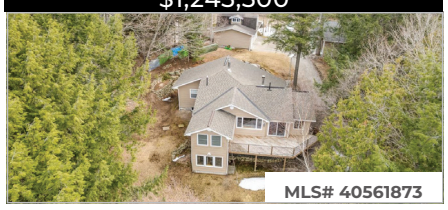

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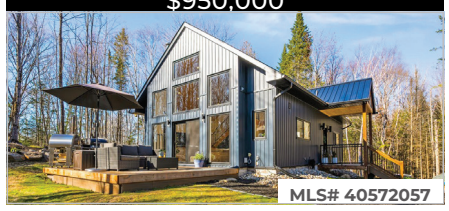

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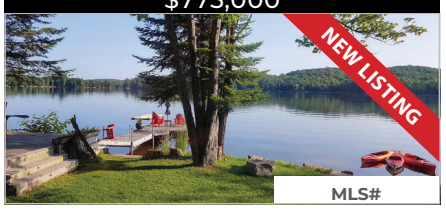


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